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ALEXANDRIA'S STREETS

How They Came to be Given the Names by Which They are now Known.

In response to queries made by new residents who have recently taken up their abode here the Gazette takes pleasure in giving space to an article containing the names of the streets in Alexandria and the reasons why they were so named.

The original town—built upon a narrow hill, with the Potomac river on one side and a marsh on the other, was laid out in 1749 with but two streets—Fairfax and Royal—running north and south. The nomenclature of the old town was thus intended to do honor to the royal family and the families of Thomas, Lord Fairfax, Baron of Cameron, within whose territory the town was laid out. These two streets—Royal and Fairfax—were crossed by a central street called Cameron street, after the title of Lord Fairfax, flanked on the one side by the titles of the male members of the royal family, namely, King, Prince, and Duke, and on the other by the titles of the royal females; Queen, Princess and Duchess streets. The fact that a stream, which the Indians called Oro-no-ko creek, ran along a portion of the street which ought to have been called Duchess, led, upon making the plot of the town to naming the street after the water which flowed through its lower portion.

The town grew and was enlarged in 1763 by addition of one street to the west, which was named Pitt street in honor of Lord Chatham, while another street added on the south, at the same time, was called after General Wolfe, the popular hero of the day, before whose army Quebec had fallen. The next enlargement, about the time of the Revolution, gave us St. Asaph street, which our fathers named after John Halifax, Bishop of St. Asaph in Wales, a trenchant writer in favor of the liberties of Virginia; and also one street to the south, which was christened after the determined Whig editor of the North Briton newspaper, George Wilkes.

All the other streets were named during or after the Revolution and we will recapitulate and take them in order, starting first from the Strand as the riverside was called. Union was named because it was laid out in 1783, when the feeling in favor of uniting the country was strong among our fathers. A curve of the river, until that time, had occupied with its waters the sight of the street—Water in 1783—named because when the town was laid out, the river came up to the foot of the hill which slopes from Fairfax street to the water's edge. This street has been renamed Lee in honor of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Fairfax—1749—After the family of Lord Fairfax.

Royal—1749—After the royal family.

Pitt—1763—After Sir Wm. Pitt, St. Asaph, 1774—After John Halifax, Bishop of St. Asaph.

Washington—1783—After the Father of His Country.

Columbia—After the discoverer of the continent.

Alfred—After the good King Alfred, the father of the common law.

Patrick and Henry, after the great orator of Virginia.

Payette—In honor of the French patriot of that name.

Payne and Peyton—After families distinguished in the early history of the town.

Commerce—As a commercial thoroughfare.

West—After the family of Hugh West, upon whose land a portion of the town was built.

This concludes the streets running north and south. The streets which run east and west beginning at King and going south are as follows:

Prince and Duke—named in 1749 for the reasons already given.

Potomac—Commenced on the south side of Wolfe, between Lee and Union and runs to Franklin.

Wolfe—1763—After Gen. Wolfe. Wilkes—1774—After Gen. Wilkes. Gibson—1783—In honor of the historian.

Franklin—To commemorate the patriot and philosopher.

Jefferson—At Battery Rogers—In

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TWO TEACHERS RESIGN

Mr. Summers and Miss Pulman Relinquish Their Positions in the Service of the Public Schools.

The regular monthly meeting of the City School Board was held last night at the Lee School Building. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting the resignations of two teachers were submitted—Mr. Summers and Miss Pulman.

A petition was received from the High School students asking the use of the auditorium of the High school in which to play basketball. The request was referred to a special committee.

The resignation of Carroll Pierce, trustee from the Third ward, was read, and the clerk instructed to notify Council of the vacancy.

The City Superintendent stated that the Teachers' Association of the Eighth district would meet in Alexandria this month. The board was authorized to tender the association the use of the auditorium of the High School in which to hold their meetings.

The clerk was instructed to write to Delegate Smoot and Senator Thornton at Richmond urging them to use their influence in securing an increase of appropriations from the State for public school purposes.

The usual number of bills were approved and ordered to be paid, and the board adjourned about 9:30 o'clock.

REVENGED ON U-BOAT.

American Officer Says Attacking Craft Was Thought To Be Sunk.

Londonderry, Ireland, Feb. 8.—The submarine which torpedoed the *Tuscania* was attacked by a destroyer. An American officer gave an intimation that the submarine was destroyed. This officer was one of the last to leave the *Tuscania*. The second torpedo fired by the submarine missed its mark, he said. Thereupon a destroyer, which was near the sinking liner, dashed off toward the submarine, using a bomb dropping device. The claim is made that the submarine was "done in" by the bombs thus exploded.

Victory For the Drys.

Annapolis, Feb. 8.—Maryland will ratify the national prohibition amendment.

This was to all intents and purposes decided yesterday afternoon, when the House of Delegates voted 55 to 45 to reject the proposition to postpone ratification for two years in order that the voters of the State might have an opportunity to express their opinion on the subject.

Thereupon the favorable report of the Temperance Committee on the joint resolution of ratification was adopted by a vote of 58 to 42, the resolution going to its third reading.

honor of the author of the Declaration of Independence.

Green—After General Green of Revolutionary fame.

Church—Because the Catholic church stood at the intersection of this street with Washington.

South—Because it was the southern limit of the town before the creek bank.

Penny Hill—Because a number of paupers who died of the yellow fever in 1830, were buried there.

Coming north from King street we have Cameron, Queen, Princess and Oronoko, already explained.

Montgomery—After the Revolutionary hero who fell at Quebec.

Madison—After the President of that name.

Wythe—After the statesman and Jesuit of Virginia—George Wythe.

Pendleton—After Edmund Pendleton, the President of the Convention which passed the ordinance ratifying for Virginia the present Constitution of the United States.

Beyond the street of the canal (now abandoned) there is another which is sometimes called First street.

Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter.

A called communication of Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 11 will be held Wednesday evening, February 14th, at 7 o'clock to confer the Royal Arch degree. A full attendance is requested. By order of the High Priest.

A. G. Uhler, Secretary.

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Alexandria City and Suburbs

Among those on the steamer *Tuscania*, sunk by a German submarine was private James Veicht, of Bannston, Alexandria county.

A dance given under the auspices of Fitzgerald Council of this city at the Elks' Home attracted a large number to that place last night.

A letter received this morning at the Gazette office from Captain Conrad Johnson, stationed at the Third Officers' Training Camp, at Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama, says that the training camp there is doing very well and that two Alexandria boys, Earnest McClary and Lawrence E. Gardiner, were among the successful candidates. He also adds: "The ground hog failed to see his shadow here and we trust that we will soon have good weather. It is still very cold and there is nothing here to remind one that he is in the sunny south."

In compliance with the order of the court, several thousand dollars' worth of gambling paraphernalia which was taken from the "Ark" near this city three weeks ago at the time of the raid by the officers of the law, was burned yesterday in the jail yard at Fairfax court house. Following the pleas of guilty to charges of gambling by Edward Heath, sr., and others. Included in the outfit were several mahogany gaming tables said to have been very handsomely finished, besides a large quantity of poker chips, etc. It is said that some of the residents of Fairfax wanted to get some of the goods, but Sheriff Allison refused and stood by and watched the pile until it had all been burned down. According to the latest reports the "Ark" is to be sold so that it will not be used for gambling purposes hereafter.

NURSE SLAIN BY MANIAC.

Shortage of Attendants is Blamed For the Tragedy. Five Others Stabbed.

Lack of nurses and attendants to take care of the 3,250 patients at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, D. C. was largely responsible for the murder, early yesterday morning, of Miss May Medley, 33 years old, a nurse, and the stabbing of five others, when Harry Oberle, an inmate, ran amuck with two butcher knives.

Less than 300 attendants were in charge of the thousands of inmates, many of whom are violently insane. According to Dr. W. A. White, superintendent of St. Elizabeth's, this was at least fifty less than the normal staff of attendants at the hospital.

Miss Medley was murdered just as she had quit work and was on her way to her home, 1211 Sixth street southwest. Oberle, brandishing two knives that he had taken from the kitchen, where he worked as a supposedly harmless inmate, sprang upon her and plunged a knife deep into her throat. She died within five minutes.

Witnesses say that Oberle snatched the knives from the kitchen table where they had been placed by Gladys Sellner, a kitchen employee. He dashed down a circular stairway to the basement, broke a glass door, and leaped to the ground. Running through the hospital courtyard, he fought off two inmates and cut them severely, before he raced through the tunnel under Nichols avenue. Just as Oberle emerged from the tunnel, he met Miss Medley, and the murder was committed.

TORPEDO DAMAGES LINER.

Conarder Bound to U. S. Being Assisted to Port. Is Belief.

New York, Feb. 8.—The Cunard liner *Aurania*, 13,400 tons, was torpedoed by a German submarine within the last 48 hours while bound for the United States. It was learned from officials of the Cunard Line.

Although badly damaged by the explosion, the ship was not sunk, and is believed to be making her way back to port with the assistance of government vessels, it was said. The ship carried but little cargo.

There were thirteen or fourteen passengers aboard the *Aurania* when she was struck, it was stated at the offices of the Cunard line. No additional particulars are yet available, it was added.

The melting pot which has been located in the window of Actor's jewelry store will be taken out tomorrow night. Quite a large number of articles in the way of gold, silver and brass have been contributed to it for the benefit of the Red Cross, but many more could be used. If you have anything to spare in the line referred to you will be devoting it to a good cause if you let it go into the melting pot before tomorrow evening.

There was one case before the Police Court this morning. Half a dozen negro boys had been arrested by officers William Campbell and Nevet upon the charge of disorderly conduct in the northwestern section of the city. It was alleged that for some time the peace of quiet people of the neighborhood has been disturbed by the nocturnal conduct of the youngsters. They were fined \$1 each, and orders were issued to arrest others who failed to appear this morning after having been summoned.

Mr. Robert S. Barrett of this city has been appointed Commercial attaché to the American Embassy at Buenos Aires and representative of the War Trade Board for the Republics of Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay. He will leave in a few days for his new post. The position is one of great importance at present, and to the interest of United States government in Latin American affairs. Mr. Barrett was selected by the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Redfield, Chairman of the War Trade Board, Mr. McCormick, and the Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Mr. Cutler, as the best equipped man for the position. He recently returned from an extended trip to South America for the Department of Commerce.

USES RAZOR ON WIFE.

Her Throat Cut, She Begs a Kiss in Vain.

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 8.—Jealous without cause and half-crazed by ten years of alcoholism, John Gengrich slashed his wife's throat with a razor in their home here yesterday. As she fell upon her knees she caught at his hand and appealed to him with her last breath:

"Kiss me, John—quick—before I die."

He flung her body to the floor and stared at the three children, who had seen the whole horrible business. Little John, 6 years of age, snatched at the razor in his father's hand and nearly lost a finger in the futile effort. Evelyn, a daughter, ran from the house to the nearest store and told the proprietor, who informed the police. Gengrich was arrested as he started to leave his home.

AFTER DANCERS AND THEATER

Billy Sunday Pays his Respects to Them in Pointed Terms.

The Rev. Billy Sunday paid his respects to the Sunday theaters and to those people who dance, in his afternoon sermon in Washington yesterday.

He said: "It is a disgrace to keep the theaters open on Sunday," and added "I'm going to fight 'em," and received a "you bet" response from the preachers when he asked them if they would support him.

Billy also took a slap at dancing "while our boys are dying over in France, and on the seas."

"The Kaiser is glad that we are keeping up our pleasures over here," he said. "It's disgraceful that so many people are fudding around the ballrooms and dancing in a time like this. It is time that the American people cut such things out, and I'm going to tell them so."

Masonic Notice.

The regular monthly meeting of Washington Memorial Lodge of Perfection No. 7, will be held in the Masonic Temple on Friday evening, Feb. 8, 1918, at 7:30. All visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend. Work will be in the ninth and tenth degrees.

F. W. Latham, K. C. CH., Sec'y.

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An important meeting will be held by the congregation of Christ church in the Parish hall of that society this evening.

A large company of the Red Men from this city journeyed to Washington last night to attend the Billy Sunday service, where they were joined by the Red Men of the Capitol city.

William C. Pomeroy, of 519 south Henry street, this city died at half past three o'clock yesterday afternoon at his late home. The deceased was in his 73rd year. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 from Wheatley's chapel, Rev. Edgar Carpenter, pastor of Grace church, officiating, interment in the Methodist Protestant cemetery.

The reports on the mid-winter examinations at St. Mary's Academy have been distributed and show that the highest averages during the month of January were made by the following: Fourth academic, Dorothy Knight, 91; third, Christine Nichols, of Washington, D. C., 89; second, Imogene Crilly, 96 1-2; first, Rosalia Burke, 98; eighth grade, Agnes Jenkins, 98; seventh, Dorothy Grace, 96; sixth, Eloise Munroe, 98; fifth, Dorothy Harrington, 95; fourth, Minnie Jenkins, 92; third, Clotus Groffith, 90; third, Francis Shuman, 90; second, Virginia Simcox, 90; first, G. Bond, 90. Included in the exercises held at the time the reports were given out were musical numbers contributed by Misses Mary Lee, Regina Gorman, Elizabeth Rammage, Josephine Rammage and Josephine Rohetalle, and extemporaneous speeches were made by the Misses Rosella Burke, Josephine Rammage, Katherine Grace, Katherine Quinn and Delphine Acerrbon.

"IF I ONLY HAD A MILLION."

St. Mary's Dramatic Club Gives a Pleasing Comedy at the Lyceum Last Night to Large Audience.

Under the direction of Mr. A. D. Montier, St. Mary's dramatic club gave a pleasing three act comedy last night at the Lyceum entitled "If I only had a Million." There was a good audience in attendance and everyone seemed highly entertained from the opening to the close.

Solos were sung between the first and second acts by Mrs. Wm. Woolfs, Miss Mary Nalls and Mrs. A. W. Gibson and Godfrey and Roland gave "The Two Black Dots," between the second and third acts. There were also songs by the "Knitting Club." The floral decorations were by Chas. Kramer and the scenery was constructed by Mr. Montier.

The play will be repeated this evening and the prize awarded for the best answer to the question: "What would you do if you had a million." The cast of characters of the play is as follows:

Jno. W. Smith, who wants a million, Mr. Martin E. Greene; Mrs. Smith, his wife, Mrs. A. D. Montier; Catherine, their daughter, Miss Helen Roland; Mrs. Dugan, their landlady, Miss Mamie Conlon; Eddie, her son, Mr. Wm. DeVaughan; Mrs. DeLaCay, of the smart set, Miss Virginia Downey; Jean, her daughter, Miss Helen Nugent; Dr. Edward E. Garland, Mr. M. J. McFarland; Lord Ferdinand Raincourt, a fortune hunter, Mr. Thos. Priest; Adam Mertens, a Socialist, Mr. Frank Harrington; H. A. Vanderlip, an Attorney, Mr. Emmett Lawler; William, an English servant, Mr. Wm. Clark; Nannette, a French servant, Miss Lena Moore; a Red Cross nurse, Miss Grace Colman; Party of Ladies. Number of Socialists.

Death Notice.

Died, in Alexandria, Va., Feb. 7, 1918, at 3:30 p. m., at his residence, 319 south Henry Street, William C. Pomeroy, in his 73rd year. Funeral from Wheatley's Chapel, 3:30 Saturday afternoon.

Prices That Help.

Country butter 50c. Pure milk 12c. quart. 12 pounds meal 65c. Hominy 7c. pound. Rolled oats 10c. package. 12 pounds flour for 80c. Green tea 40 to 55c. pound. Five pounds granulated sugar 45c. J. E. Purcell, 117 south Henry street.

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ALEXANDRIA'S GIFTS CALL 16 YEAR-OLD BOYS

Letter Received From Camp Lee Concerning Knitted Garments Sent to Soldiers by Local Red Cross.

Alexandrians in general and members of the local Red Cross in particular, will be gratified to learn that the efforts made by the ladies of the latter organization to supply the soldiers who went to Camp Lee from this vicinity are deeply appreciated as will be seen from the following letter just received here by Mrs. M. Z. Herndon, chairman of the Knitting committee, from Mr. C. C. Pinckney, Red Cross Field Director:

Dear Madam: I have, at last, been able to get off to you by express the two trunks which contained the knitted articles you so kindly sent the Alexandria boys. Hope you have not been inconvenienced by the delay.

The sweaters etc., were much appreciated by the Alexandria boys and by me. I feel sure that actual suffering was avoided by means of your Chapter's gift. You will doubtless be glad to know that I was able to give your articles to Alexandrians only, 50 of whom are colored men.

On all sides I hear nothing but praise for the efforts of the ladies who are giving their time and money to the cause of the Red Cross and I hope the knowledge that your boys have been supplied with knitted articles will not cause any let up in your good work since many other United States soldiers have not been so fortunate.

I have distributed among the soldiers at Camp Lee, about 20,000 sweaters, some 2,500 pairs woolen socks, 1,500 mufflers, 1,500 pairs wristlets, several hundred comforts and blankets, 14,000 Christmas packages and in lesser number comfort kits, condensed milk, cans of soup preserves, tooth paste, tooth brushes, handkerchiefs, towels, foot ease and other medical supplies and miscellaneous articles.

I mention these facts so that the members of your Chapter may know something of the work being done in Camp Lee by the Red Cross and may be assured that anything further aiding to the soldier's comfort you may see fit to send me will be much appreciated both by me and by the soldiers benefiting therefrom, as has your past help.

INDIAN HEAD LINE.

Rail Service From District of Columbia to Newport News.

Authority for the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a contract with the Washington and Newport News Railroad Company for construction of a steamroad connecting the District of Columbia with Indian Head Md., naval proving grounds is carried in a bill favorably reported yesterday by the House naval affairs committee.

The proposed project is part of a plan for a railroad which ultimately will extend all the way from Washington to Newport News.

The government's assistance will be given by guaranteeing the railroad company \$300,000 for the transportation of freight for the Navy Department. The money will be advanced in twelve installments of \$25,000 each within six years.

The Washington terminus of the new road probably will be near Benning. Representative Mudd is authorized for the statement that its projectors intend to continue construction of the line, without interruption as far as Newport News.

Austrian Cabinet Resigns.

Amsterdam, Feb. 8.—The resignation of the Austrian cabinet has been tendered to Emperor Carl, according to Vienna dispatches here today. The dispatches were dated February 7.

Austrian Premier von Seydler handed the resignation to the head of the dual monarchy.

The Grand Theater.

The Grand Theater at 316 King street, which was formerly the Dixie, has been repaired extensively and will be opened to the public next week. Watch for the advertisement.

THE WEATHER.

For this section today warmer; rain tomorrow.

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Sending of Class of 1920 to Front Regarded as Significant by Officials.

Germany has mustered a portion of the class of 1920—lads of sixteen years—official war office reports received today stated.

Military critics, while they have known that Germany was about at the end of her man power, have refused to believe that sixteen-year-old boys were being prepared for the trenches. The reports therefore, are regarded with the greatest significance.

Hindenburg's frantic efforts to strengthen the western front, either for an impending drive against Calais and Paris, or in anticipation of an allied offensive, has depleted the divisions on the eastern front, and it is believed that the 1920 class may be sent there for seasoning, should separate peace negotiations with the Russians fail.

Military men also believe that Hindenburg will encounter great difficulty in the mobilization of the 1929 class, both because of the opposition it is bound to meet from the civilian population and the effect it will have on the morale of the regular troops at the front.

Intermingling of the new conscripts with the fighters on the west front, who have been kept in ignorance of conditions back home, might have a decidedly disastrous effect.

HOUSE APPROVES PLAN.

Favors Popular Election of Commissioners and a Farming Inquiry.

By a vote of 65 to 26 the house of delegates yesterday afternoon passed the bill providing for the election of members of the state corporation commission by the people. The bill had previously been passed by the senate. It provides for the necessary amendment to the constitution. It now goes to the governor for his signature. Governor Davis is on record as favoring the change.

After rejecting at Wednesday's session the resolution recommended by Governor Davis, which provided for a commission to look into farming conditions, the house of delegates today practically reversed itself and accepted an almost identical measure. The object of both resolutions is the same—to provide labor for the hundreds of farmers who have been crying for relief from the labor famine.

Delegate Lindsay Gordon offered a joint resolution calling for the creation of a commission "to investigate farming conditions in the state and to ascertain ways and means of providing labor for the agricultural districts." It was adopted by a unanimous vote. Many of the members voted against this proposition Wednesday under a misapprehension. It was explained yesterday.

It is expected that the "motor" censorship bill, which is on its second reading in the house of delegates, will be voted on this week. Important amendments have been made by the senate, reducing the cost of the censorship on the exhibitors, who will be required to bear the total expense of maintaining the proposed board.

Instead of three members, as provided in the original bill, the measure now calls for two. It is provided that in the case of a disagreement between the two censors on any question the superintendent of public instruction shall be called in and shall cast the deciding vote. Instead of the fee of \$2 for examination of each film and \$1 for each duplicate, the fees are now fixed at \$1 and 50 cents, respectively, and the censors are relieved of the duty of examining and passing upon the posters, lithographs and other advertising matter employed to exploit the photoplays.

As originally drawn, the bill is said to have been from the pen of the Rev. Dr. James Cannon. Senator Mapp and Delegate Jones offered the bill in the two branches at request of Dr. Cannon. Formidable opposition will be encountered in the house, several prominent members having already declared against it. It is estimated that the annual cost of maintenance for this board will be \$12,000.

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